

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2015**

Development programmes for minorities

953. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the development programmes for minorities;
- (b) the funds allocated by the Central Government for implementation of these programmes during the last one year; and
- (c) the details of funds that could not be utilised during the above period, Statewise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) This Ministry implements the following schemes for the welfare of notified religious minority communities under Section 2 (c) viz Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis across the country:-

Educational Schemes

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarship
- iii. Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship
- iv. Maulana Azad National Fellowship.
- v. Free Coaching & Allied Scheme.
- vi. Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.
- vii. Padho Pardesh- Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies.

Area Development Scheme

- i. Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)

Skill Development Schemes

- i. Seekho Aur Kamao
- ii. Upgrading the Skills and Training Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)

Women Empowerment Scheme

- i. Nai Roshni

Preservation / Conservation Schemes

- i. Hamari Dharohar
- ii. Jiyo Parsi

The details of the above schemes are available on the website of this Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(b) & (c) The details of funds allocated for the following schemes during the last one year are as under:

(Rs. In crore)		
S. No.	Name of schemes	Funds allocated (Revised Estimates)
1	Seekho aur Kamao	46.23
2	Nai Roshni	14.00
3	USTTAD	0.50
4	Hamari Dharohar	5.00
5	Equity contribution to NMDFC	30.00

No state-wise funds are allocated for the above schemes. No funds remained un-utilized in the above mentioned schemes except in USTTAD, where Rs. 6.00 lakh remained un-utilized.

The details of funds allocated for following schemes during the last year are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of scheme	BE(2014-15) Rs in Crores
1	Pre-matric scholarship	1100.00
2	Post-matric scholarship	598.50
3	Merit-cum means scholarship	335.00
4	Free Coaching & Allied Scheme	25.00
5	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students	50.00
6	Padho Pardesh- Scheme of interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies	4.00
7	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	4.00
8	Jiyo Parsi	2.00

Under Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme, the funds have been released to States/UTs during the last year 2014-15. Further, in case of Post-matric and Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Schemes, only administrative cost has been released to the States/UTs, because the scholarship amount is directly transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode to the students' bank accounts. There is no State/UT-wise fund allocation allocated and released under the Schemes from Sl.No.4 to 8.

The details of unutilized funds during 2014-15 under Scholarship Schemes is as under:

Unutilized funds during 2014-15 under Scholarship Schemes	
	(Rs. In Crore)
Pre-matric scholarship Scheme	3.73
Post-matric scholarship Scheme	47.22
Merit-cum means based scholarship Scheme	16.95
Total	67.90

Under Pre-Matric Scheme, there was less demand from Union Territories so Rs.3.73 crores remained unutilized. Similarly, under Post-matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship Scheme, the amount unutilized pertains to North Eastern States due to less demand.
